

REMARKS

Applicant wishes to express its appreciation to the Examiner for the courtesy shown to applicant's attorney during the recent telephone interview.

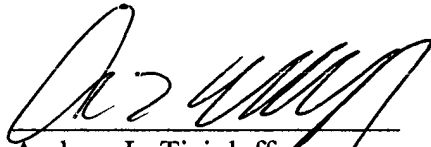
Independent claims 1, 2, 3 and 4 have here been amended as agreed during the interview to place them in allowable form.

Claim 26 has been corrected to depend from claim 21 instead of claim 17, to address the double patenting rejection of the office action.

Formal allowance is respectfully requested.

Should any questions arise, the Patent Office is invited to telephone attorney for applicants at 212-490-3285.

Respectfully submitted,


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